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SUBJECT: WEST NILE VIRUS (WNV) COLLABORATION WITH MEALS ON WHEELS

On March 8, 2005, the Board of Supervisors heard the report from the Department on the 2005 West Nile Virus Action Plan. During that presentation, Supervisor Knabe requested that the Department explore working with "Meals on Wheels" and other programs for home-bound persons to distribute information on West Nile Virus (WNV). This is a report on the follow-up to that request.

Department staff has contacted the County and City Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) for information on the food distribution programs in the various cities and county unincorporated areas. Several of the specific programs contacted by staff have expressed a willingness to distribute WNV materials and we will work with them to get them information to distribute to their clients.

We will incorporate an update on this into future periodic reports on the West Nile Virus plan for 2005. In the meantime, if you have any questions or need additional information, please let either of us know.

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